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Dear Mr. Weisberg,

Thank you for your kind letter of 14 January 1995. Regarding Nags Head as the HQ for a Naval Intelligence operation involving Lee Harvey Oswald: This subject was addressed by Anthony Summers in an interview with former CIA officer Victor Marchetti, who held the position of Executive Assistant to the Deputy Director from 1955 to 1969. Marchetti published a book entitled The CIA and the Cult of Intelligence which was heavily censored at time of publication.

It is detailed in Summer's book Conspiracy, later reissued as The Kennedy Conspiracy. The 9th chapter is "Cracks in the Canvas", specifically pages 142 to 145. Marchetti detailed information on a phoney defector's program run out of Nags Head in which poor, disenchanted Americans faked defection to the USSR.

While detained in the Dallas jail, Oswald made 3 calls- At 4 and 8 pm, calls to Ruth Payne, at 10:45 pm, a call to a North Carolina number in Raleigh, North Carolina. The Assassinations subcommittee obtained the number from the secretary in the Dallas jail switchboard. It was traced to a Mr. Hurt. I have photocopied and enclosed the relevant pages in this letter.

According to Mr. Summer's Sources and Notes, the episode was relayed to Bernard Fensterwald, and was addressed by the Subcommittee. It was reported in the Raleigh Spectator paper and the Raleigh News and Observer the week of July 17 to 24, July 1980. (also attached)

As you have noted, the kind of lifestyle Oswald had could not be maintained on the pittance he earned. He was moonlighting on the side. I am reminded of the comment he made to the proprietor of the garage in New Orleans when he quit working at the Reilly Coffee Company, Adrian Alba. "I have found my pot of gold at the end of the rainbow." This was late summer (August?) in 1963. (Summers, pgs 282-3, interview with Alba in 1978)

Best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

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